# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:130
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000
PREMATURE RETIREMENT BY DEFENCE OFFICERS
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is a significant increase in the number of Defence Officers opting for premature retirement;

(b) if so, the number of Officers and N.C.Os opted for premature retirement during each of the last three years and in the current year so far in each of the three wings of Armed Forces along with the reasons attributed thereto;

(c) the grounds identified for such an approach and the level or the rank at which such retirement has been generally sought; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) There has not been any significant increase in the number of Defence Officers opting for premature retirement.

(b) A statement is enclosed.

(c) Premature retirement is generally sought either on compassionate or supercession grounds. The bulk of the officers seeking premature retirement are in the rank of Lt.Col. or equivalent in other Services.

(d) Measures have been taken to make the youth of our country more aware of the opportunities and challenges in the Armed Forces, both for officers including women officers and other rank categories. Apart from decisions like enhancing the age of retirement, the process of improving the quality of life for armed forces personnel is kept up as an ongoing one.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 130 FOR 24.2.2000.

The number of Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officersi n the Defence Forces who have proceeded on pre-mature retirement during the last three years is as under:-

ARMY:-

| Rank | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 (Upto Jan.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lt.Gen. | 1 | - | - | - |
| Maj.Gen. | 3 | 2 | 4 | - |
| Brig. | 24 | 26 | 21 | 2 |
| Col. | 76 | 80 | 88 | 5 |
| Lt.Col.(Incl.TS) | 248 | 294 | 213 | 12 |
| Major | 70 | 110 | 92 | 4 |
| Capt.& below | 13 | 30 | 18 | - |
| TOTAL | 435 | 542 | 436 | 23 |

NAVY:-

| Rank | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Capts/Cmdes | 17 | 59 | 41 | NA |
| Cdrs | 28 | 70 | 74 | NA |
| Lt.Cdrs/and below | 12 | 68 | 66 | NA |
| TOTAL | 57 | 197 | 181 | |

Air Force:-

| Rank | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 (Jan) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Group Captain and above | 31 | 23 | 26 | 6 |
| Wing Cdrs & below | 160 | 200 | 135 | 8 |
| TOTAL | 191 | 223 | 161 | 14 |

Personnel Below Officers Rank proceeded on premature retirement in the Armed Forces

| Services | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Army (As on Sept.1999) | 11,300 | 14,800 | 21,900 | 2,000 |
| Air Force (As on Jan.2000) | 329 | 559 | 491 | 50 |
| Navy | - | - | - | - |